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SUBJECT: PAPAZOV VISIT

REF: A) STATE 15494, B) SOFIA 0119

1. ACTING DCM SIMPSON MET WITH DESPOTOV JAN 20 TO PRESENT TENTATIVE PAPAZOV PROGRAM (PARA 6, REF A) AND PROVIDE OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING VISIT IN REF A. DESPOTOV PLANS MEET WITH PAPAZOV JAN 21 AND OBTAIN PAPAZOV'S COMMENTS ON PROGRAM AND MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING MRS. PAPAZOV' TRAVEL PLANS. PAPAZOV WILL ALSO BE TRAVELLING TO MOSCOW EN ROUTE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF BULGARIAN/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP.

2. LETTER OF INVITATION MAY NOT BE DELIVERED TO PAPAZOV BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE SINCE IT SHOULD INCLUDE POINT REGARDING DR. PRESS AS HOST AND PAPAZOV DEPARTS SOMETIME JAN 23. HOWEVER, DESPOTOV HAS BEEN CAREFULLY BRIEFED REGARDING PER DIEM ($55 PER DAY FOR PAPAZOV AND $45 PER DAY FOR PETROV), TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (PARAS 7 AND 9, REF A).

3. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DEPT CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
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OBTAIN BULGARIAN-LANGUAGE ESCORT-INTERPRETER, SINCE IT IS MATTER OF SOME SENSITIVITY WITH BULGARIANS. PAPAZOV UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL BUT SPEAKS IT ONLY HALTINGLY. DESPOTOV HIMSELF IS PERFECTLY FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND COULD INTERPRET. DESPOTOV DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BULGARIAN EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE INTERPRETER. PAPAZOV AND PETROV SPEAK RUSSIAN, AS FURTHER ALTERNATIVE.

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4. REF A REFERS TO "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN NSF AND SCSTP (PARA 6). DESPOTOV REMINDS US THAT AGREED UPON TERM FOR DOCUMENT IS "AGREEMENT."

5. DEPT REQUESTED PROVIDE EMBASSY FOR DESPOTOV NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING PAPAZOV PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON FOR PERIOD FEB 2-6 WHEN DESPOTOV WILL BE IN NEW YORK IN ADVANCE OF PAPAZOV ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE ABLE TO BE REACHED THROUGH THE BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK (212-661-1252), COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR STEFAN KOSSEV.

6. SCSTP ASKS THAT MEDIA COVERAGE BE ARRANGED, IF POSSIBLE, FOR SIGNING OF NSF/SCSTP AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON.
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